

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Clifford "Kip" Larson was born on November 24, 1919, to John and Anna Berg Larson at Yankton, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Kip graduated from Yankton High School, attended college in South Dakota, and served his country in the Army during WWII; and,

Whereas, Kip married Katherine Keller on April 30, 1945, and to this union four children were born: Richard, Roger, Douglas, and Karen, who in turn blessed them with eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Kip and Katherine shared 59 happy years together until Katherine passed away in 2004. Kip married Shirley Modereger in September 2006, uniting two families who are grateful for sharing their lives together; and,

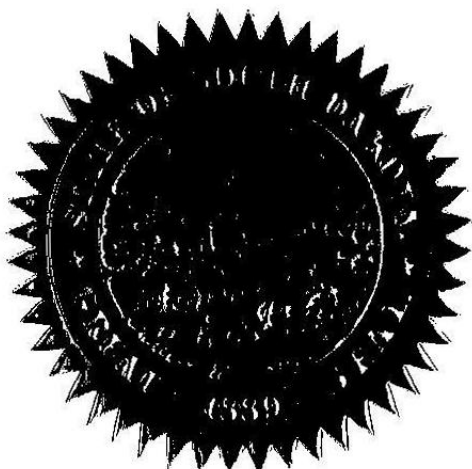
Whereas, Kip was in the restaurant business for many years operating Kips Inn at Yankton and several other restaurants in South Dakota. He served as a Yankton City Commissioner, served on the school board, the Sacred Heart Hospital Board, the State Tourism Commission, and the South Dakota Restaurant Association; and,

Whereas, Kip will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on November 7, 2009, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

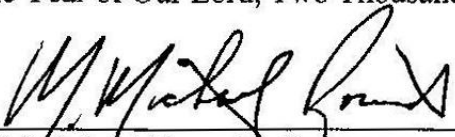
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2009, as

CLIFFORD "KIP" LARSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State